

**Remarks**

In the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-19, 21-48, and 51-63. Claims 20, 49, and 50 were rejected. In the interest of expediting allowance, claims 20, 49, and 50 are cancelled and will be pursued in a separate continuation application. Thus, only the claims allowed in the Office Action remain. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims.

***Request For Interview***

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

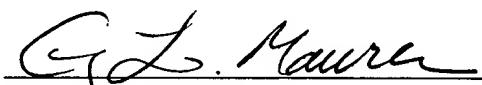
***Conclusion***

A Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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